# GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
## ABSTRACT

PS:- PR and RD Department –Vigilance Report No.10, Dated: 10.06.2022 – Verification of work "Providing internal CC Roads and internal CC drains in R&R Colony at Hanumangutty in Y.S.R. District" – Disciplinary proceedings against **Sri S.V. Koteswara Rao, the then Assistant Engineer (PR),** O/o. the Chief Engineer, Vijayawada (Retired on 31.05.2018) under Rule 9 (2)(b)(i) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 read with Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Charges framed – Written statement of defence – Considered – Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

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**PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No. 84** **Dated.23.01.2024.**

Read the following:

1. From the D.G, G.A (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No. 10 (C. NO. 669-11/V&E/ENGG/2016), Dated: 10.06.2022.
2. G.O.Rt.No.312, PR&RD (Vig-II) Department, Dated: 29.05.2023.
3. G.O.Rt.No.313, PR&RD (Vig-II) Department, Dated: 20.05.2023.
4. From the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Letter No Vig. (4)/5121/2023, dated: 21.08.2023.

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**ORDER:**

Based on the recommendations of the Director General, General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department made in the reference 1st read above relating to verification of work "Providing internal CC Roads and internal CC drains in R & R Colony at Hanumangutty in Y.S.R. District" and for certain irregularities against the Panchayat Raj Engineering Personnel for their failure to scrutinize the rate analysis properly therein, Government, vide reference 2nd read above, have accorded sanction under Rule 9 (2)(b)(i) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 to initiate disciplinary proceedings against **Sri S.V. Koteswara Rao, the then Assistant Engineer**, O/o. the Chief Engineer, Vijayawada (retired on 31.05.2018). Accordingly, vide reference 3rd read above, Government have framed following article of charge under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, against **Sri S.V. Koteswara Rao, Assistant Engineer (Retired)** with a direction to submit his written statement of defence:

**Charge** :

That the said **Sri S.V. Koteswara Rao, the then Assistant Engineer (PR), (Retired),** O/o. the Chief Engineer, Panchayat Raj, has failed to scrutinize the rate analysis properly for the items of WBM Gr-II and 12 mm plastering with CM (1:3) which resulted in increase in cost of the items and caused loss to the Government to the tune of Rs.1,40,049/- on verification of work "Providing internal CC Roads and internal CC Drains in R&R colony at Hanumangutty in YSR District". Hence, the charge.

2. In the reference 4th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief Panchayat Raj, among others, has furnished the written statement of defence of the charged officer **Sri S.V. Koteswara Rao, Assistant Engineer (PR), (Retired**), dt:15.07.2023 to Government for taking further action.

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3. In his written statement of defence, the charged officer **Sri S.V. Koteswara Rao, Assistant Engineer (Retired)** has stated that after receiving the discrepancies observed by the Regional Vigilance & Enforcement Officer, Kadapa on the Recast Estimate-I on the above work vide Letter C.No.517/ENGG.V&E.KDP/2016, dated:07.08.2017 and as per the instructions of the Chief Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada, the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Kadapa, had taken necessary action and submitted the Revised Estimate-II in September 2017 duly correcting the estimate rates. The same was approved by the Chief Engineer, PR vide Memo No. AEE/DEE-I/R&R/Hanumangatty/KDP/2016-17, dt:12.10.2017. Subsequently in November 2020, the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Kadapa submitted working Estimate-III with completion report and allowed revised estimate and limited the discrepancies to zero. The Charged Officer has stated that discrepancies was occurred due to erroneous linking of SSR rates from the software of the input excel sheet to leads /Data sheet for the items inadvertently and requested to treat as unintentional human error. He has stated that since rectification was taken at appropriate stage in the revised Estimate-III, there was no loss caused in the matter and the Vigilance & Enforcement Department furnished its report dt:10.06.2022 whereas the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Kadapa had corrected the rates of WBM Grade-II, 12 mm thick plastering with C.M (1:3) items and were adopted in the year 2017 itself. The Charged Officer has requested to consider his written statement of defence and to drop further action against him in the matter.

4. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have considered the written statement of defence of Sri S.V. Koteswara Rao, Assistant Engineer, PR (Retired), O/o. the Chief Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada as found satisfactory.

5. Accordingly, Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby drop further action against Sri S.V. Koteswara Rao, Assistant Enigneer, Panchayat Raj (Retired), O/o. the Chief Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada in the matter.

6. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**B RAJSEKHAR**
**SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
**Sri S.V. Koteswara Rao, Assistant Enigneer, P.R, (Retired),**
O/o. the Chief Engineer, P.R, Vijayawada **(now Retired),**
**through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada.

**Copy to:**
The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi
The General Administration (V&E) Department, Vijayawada
The P.R. & R.D (Estt. I) Department.
OSD to Hon'ble Dy.C.M for PR&RD. Department
PS to Spl. Chief Secretary to Govt., PR&RD. Department
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**SECTION OFFICER**